To the wet sea-boy in an hour so rude ;
And, in the calmest and most stillest night,
With all appliances and means to boot,
Deny it to a king[3] ? Then, happy low, lie down.[4] !
Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.

clouds here is the true reading ; and the passage produced from Julius Cæsar, while it fully supports it, shows that the word is to be understood in its ordinary sense. So again in The Winter's Tale: " — now the ship boring the *moon with* her main-mast, and anon swallowed up with yest and froth " MALONE.

My position appears to have been misunderstood. I meant not to suggest that the *shrowds of a ship* were ever called *clouds*. What I designed to say was, that the *clouds* and the *shrowds of heaven* were anciently synonymous terms, so that by the exchange of the former word for the latter, no fresh idea would in fact be ascertained: as the word *shrowds* might be received in the sense of *clouds* as well as that of *ship-tackle*. STEEVENS.

The epithet *slippery* agrees better with *shrowds* than *clouds*. TALBOT.

[2] That, with the HURLY,] *Hurly* is *noise*, derived from the French *hurler* to howl, as *hurly-burly* from *Hurluberlu*, Fr. STEEVENS.

Holinshed, speaking of the commotions in the time of King Richard II. says : " It was rightly called the *hurling* time, there were such *hurly burlyes* kept in every place." Holinshed, vol. iii. p. 1030, edit. 1577. So also in The Paston Letters, vol. i. p. 62: " And anone after yt *hurlyng* the Bysshop Rosse, apechyd me to the quene." BOSWELL.

[3] Deny IT TO a king?] Surely, for the sake of metre, we should read—>

" Deny't a king? " STEEVENS.

4—Then, happy low, lie down!] Evidently corrupted from *happy lowly clown*. These two lines making the just conclusion from what preceded. " If sleep will fly a king, and consort itself with beggars, then happy the *lowly clown*, and uneasy the crowned head." WARBURTON.

Dr. Warburton has not admitted this emendation into his text: I am glad to do it the justice which its author has neglected. JOHNSON.

The sense of the old reading seems to be this: "You who are happy in your humble situations, lay clown your heads to rest, I the head that wears a crown lies too uneasy to expect such a blessing." Had not Shakspcare thought it necessary to subject